



# Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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## Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

**EASTER** celebrates the glorious resurrection of Christ. Easter is also known as the 'paschal vigil'. The term comes from the Greek word 'pascha' which means passover, thus Easter is the Christian passover.

This service will be held online using Zoom. A recorded copy of the service will also be posted on the WCRC website and be sent out for viewing any time.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok  
Musicians: Kaitlyn & Scott Lammers

Worship Leader: Don Bisch

Pianist: Lisa Pardys

Visuals: WCRC archives  
Liturgy: Kathy Brouwer

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude... "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (arranged by Edward Broughton)

## We Announce Christ's Resurrection

Story: "God's Wonderful Surprise" from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (pg. 310-317)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

On this Easter morning,  
from its corners of isolation all over the world,  
in the midst of worldwide confusion, fear, illness, and death,  
the church dares to proclaim joy!

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen!***

***Christ will come again!***

With this ancient cry,  
the church, led by the God's Spirit,  
announces the forgiveness of sins and the defeat of all evil,  
the ultimate healing from sickness and death and sorrow,  
and the resurrection of peace and wholeness.

From our individual homes,  
we meet to celebrate together  
the sure forgiveness of our sins,  
and our confident hope for healing and gladness.

***We believe and witness together***

***that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,  
has risen from death***

***and brings us and all creation***

***new comfort, now hope, new life.***

Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #182 – **Christ the Lord is Risen Today** - led by Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. Easter Processional 2014 (YouTube video)

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Receive the Blessing of our Risen Christ

Song: **Cornerstone** – *presented by Scott and Kaitlyn Lammers*

My hope is built on nothing less,  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name. (repeat)

#### **Chorus**

Christ alone, cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> time - He is Lord. Lord of all. *and repeat chorus*)

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil. **Chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne.

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## **The Gospel Message of the Resurrection**

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, send your Spirit upon us  
to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith and hope  
through the proclamation of the Easter story. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: **John 20:19-23**

Sermon: **Peace Behind Locked Doors**

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Take a moment to reflect on what God's word might mean for your life or on a truth that spoke to you.  
Please be still until after the pianist concludes this time of silence.*

## We Share our Easter Joys and Sorrows

\*Song of Response: **This Easter Celebration (Not in the Sanctuary)**

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We're distant from our neighbors— from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?

With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place

we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room

but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—

who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:

Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.

Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!

Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be

a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.

In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,

we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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### Prayers of the People

Music during prayer: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (by Lowell Mason arranged by Cindy Berry)

The prayer Jesus taught us expresses our resurrection hope as we close our prayers together:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;***

***your kingdom come,***

***your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,***

***for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Offering: **Resonate Global Mission**

Diaconal Prayer

## We Leave with Renewed Easter Faith

Closing Song: LUYH #770 – **In Christ Alone** – led by the All Souls Orchestra (YouTube video)

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song -  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
fullness of God in helpless babe!

this gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'til he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Benediction and Choral "***Amen, Amen, Amen***"

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